ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Alabama Baptist Association,

Town Creek Church, Dallas County, Ala.,
October 12-15, 1883.

Meets next year with Bethel Church, Fort Deposit, Lowndes county, Friday before the second Sunday in October.

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MINUTES

OF THE

ALABAMA ASSOCIATION.

Pursuant to adjournment, the delegates from the churches composing the ALABAMA ASSOCIATION, met at Town Creek church, Dallas County, on Friday, October 12, 1883. The appointee being absent, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder M. Bishop, from John iv:1, 2.

After a recess the Moderator called the Association to order, and, after devotional exercises, the letters were read and delegates enrolled, as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Town Creek—J. M. FORTUNE, J. F. Ellis, and L. L. Pierce.
Bethany—E. F. BABER, A. Edwards, and W. R. Hardy.
Sister Springs—W. L. Smoke and Henry Day.
Pleasant Hill—J. R. Crumpton and U. J. Crumpton.
Shiloh—Jere Johnson, Miles Hardy, Jr., and J. F. Stewart.
Ruhamah—Money; no letter or delegate.
Ash Creek—Jas. Robertson.

SECOND DISTRICT.

New Bethel—G. R. Stamps,* Jos. Strickland, and C. Rhodes *
Benton—Money; no letter or delegate.
Steep Creek—G. W. MCQUEEN, J. T. Dickson, and J. M. Morrison.
Hayneville—
Bethel—M. BISHOP, A. F. GOLDSMITH,* R. M. Burt, A. F. Childress,* D. P. Goodhue,* and J. E. Bishop.
Mt. Gilead—Jas. Bryant, H. W. Edwards, and R. C. Rives.
Hopewell—D. LEE, A. A. Barganier, and G. W. Noble.
New Smyrna—C. Priester* and H. Day.*
Hountain Hill—John Jones,* and W. Royal.*

THIRD DISTRICT.

Union—J. H. Kolb and J. W. Holloway.*

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Greenville—C. P. FOUNTAIN.
Antioch—J. F. Freeman and H. Garrett.
Macedonia—W. Hudson and F. E. May.*
Spring Creek—Letter; no delegates.
Hickory Grove—Letter; no delegates.
Damascus—W. C. AVANT and H. T. Roach.

[Ordained ministers in SMALL CAPITALS; absentees thus*.]

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers, and the former were re-elected, viz.: D. Lee, Moderator; E. F. Baber, Clerk; H. W. Caffey, Treasurer.

Attention was called to the fact that the Association met at this church in 1833—fifty years ago; and a paragraph was read from the printed minutes of that session in which mention is made of the large number of people in attendance on Sunday, and of the powerful effect of the sermons on that day. The Moderator said he was present on that occasion, and that a number of people were encamped near the church.

The following committees, to report at this session, were appointed by the Moderator:

On Religious Exercises—R. C. Rives, J. T. Dickson, and the pastor and deacons of Town Creek church.

On the State of Religion in the Churches—G. W. McQueen, W. C. Avant, and W. R. Hardy.

On Documents—M. Bishop and W. Hudson.

And the following to report next year:

On Missions—C. P. Fountain, J. E. Bishop, and J. H. Kolb.

On Sabbath Schools—D. P. Goodhue, Jos. Strickland, and W. P. McQueen.

On Education—H. W. Caffey, A. F. Goldsmith, and H. T. Roach.

On the call for Correspondents, the following were recognized and invited to seats:

From the State Mission Board and State Convention—Elder T. M. Bailey.
Cahaba Association—Elder E. J. Forrester.
Pine Barren Association—G. W. Albritton and John Posey.
Salem Association—Elder W. C. T. Moseley.

Returned Correspondence as follows:

To Montgomery Association—M. Bishop, R. M. Burt, G. W. McQueen, and F. C. Plaister.

Zion Association—W. C. Avant and H. T. Roach.

Bethlehem Association—C. P. Fountain, R. M. Burt, and M. Bishop.

Pine Barren Association—E. F. Baber, M. Bishop, W. C. Avant, and J. M. Fortune.

Delegates to the State Convention—J. M. Fortune, E. F. Baber, R. M. Burt, Lee Burt, C. P. Fountain, S. W. Quarles, L. L. Pierce, Miles Hardy, Jr., G. W. McQueen, H. W. Caffey, and A. Edwards.

The Committee appointed at the last session to prepare a programme for the guidance of the Association reported, and the report was adopted, as follows:

PROGRAMME.

1. Introductory Sermon at 10 o'clock.
2. Appoint Committee on Credentials.
3. Organization.
4. Recess.
5. Miscellaneous, embracing Nos. 5, 6, and 7 of Order of Business as printed in Minutes, and other items.
6. Report of Board of Education.
7. Reports of Standing Committees (Missions, Sabbath Schools, Education, etc.)
8. Reports of Special Committees (Documents, State of Religion, etc.)
9. Appoint time and place of next meeting.

Reports of Treasurer, Finance and Auditing Committees, or other matters not herein specified, may be presented as Miscellaneous Business, which shall be in order at any time when there is no subject under consideration.

Speeches shall not exceed thirty minutes, except by consent of the body.

Elder Bailey spoke of the duty we owe to indigent and infirm ministers and their families, and urged the appointment of a committee to report on that subject.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows:

Sunday Morning, 10 o'clock—Elder T. M. Bailey to address the Sunday School

At 11:30 o'clock—Missionary Sermon by Elder C P. Fountain.

At 2 o'clock P. M.—Sermon by Elder Bailey.

Elder Fortune presented the report of the Associational Board of Education, asking leave, which was granted, to insert the Treasurer's report hereafter. The report was adopted.

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

During this associational year, no one has applied to your Board for assistance.

Bro. J. C. McClendon, whom this Association sustained last year at Howard College, was removed from our bounds at the last annual meeting of our Association by his church withdrawing from this body to unite with the Montgomery Association Some of the churches of this Association have contributed to Bro. McClendon's support, but sent their funds directly to Bro. T. M. Bailey at Marion; hence the meagreness of the Treasurer's report.

Respectfully submitted, D. LEE, President.

J. M. FORTUNE, Secretary.

[The Treasurer of the Board had nothing to report.]

Elder Baber presented the report of the Committee on Education, which was made the special order for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Elder Bailey.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder McQueen.

The Moderator was authorized to revise the Standing Committees announced yesterday, so that they will not contain the names of brethren whose churches have asked for letters of dismission.

The report on Education was taken up. After remarks by Elders Baber and Bailey, it was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We suppose the time to have passed when it is necessary for us to present a lengthy argument on the importance of Education. Therefore, we make only this remark, that we of the South are tending more decidedly than ever before to the condition in which the *well trained mind* takes the lead in the accumulation of property, as well as in other departments of life. All about us we can see evidence that the limited wealth of our section is rapidly falling into the hands of those whose mental faculties have been developed and sharpened by the discipline of close, consistent study. Whether this study was pursued in the school room or at home, matters not, the fact is, that as the conflict grows sharper, mental culture is gaining the more complete mastery. The day is not distant when we will rarely see, as we have often seen in the past and see now occasionally, an uneducated man who has risen to wealth and influence. The conclusion from these suggestions is quite plain.

More important even than this is the subject to which we would now advert, namely, the number of ungodly men and women who are engaged in teaching the children of our State. We do not mean to say that these teachers are, as a class, notoriously wicked; but simply that they are not Christians, and indeed some of them are skeptical as to the teachings of the Bible. We would not proscribe or persecute a person because he is not a member of the church; but, on account of the moral and religious influence which the teacher often exerts upon the pupil, we think it but the dictate of common prudence for the parent to require that he or she who is to mould in large measure the mind and morals of his child, should be a consistent follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. We will not enlarge upon this important subject. It appears to us that the proposition that every school teacher should be a Christian, is so clearly correct that we need only call to it the serious attention of those who have children to educate. And we think it not going too far to say that those schools that are composed of a majority of children of Baptist families, should have teachers who are Baptists. In this respect, all other denominations are wiser and more watchful and more aggressive than we.

We are happy to say that in the important matter of the education of our young ministers, our denomination in this State is making long steps forward. For a number of years in the recent past, we have given the suject a desultory, half-hearted attention, but even with that we have accomplished great good. But at the last session of our State Convention the matter was taken hold of more earnestly and more practically. For a full account of what was done, we refer you to the Minutes of the Convention, which have been laid before you. More than eighteen hundred dollars were raised in cash and pledges to be used in assisting young ministers who need assistance to better prepare themselves to expound the Word of God. There are now a number of young brethren at Howard College, and there are many others in the State who only need some instructions in the literary and theological departments of our College to qualify them, in fair degree, for the important work to which they have been called.

It has always been true that if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch; and it is also true that in this day of general intelligence among the people, a preacher who has not some of the facility of expression and supply of material afforded by a measure of literary and theological study, is trammeled by difficulties which, improperly it may be, a conspicuous piety and zeal do not overcome in the minds of his hearers.

Steps have been taken to place a teacher of the Bible in Howard College, as we had before the war; and it is hoped and believed that the movement will receive the cordial support of this Association, which has ever been equal with the foremost in the inculcation and dissemination of the truth as it is in Jesus.

E. F. Baber, Chm'n,
D. P. Goodhue,
O. A. Coleman.

Bro. D. B. Edwards made the report of the Committee on Missions, upon which an animated discussion followed, participated in by a number of brethren.

Elder Baber presented the claims of the Church Building Department of the Home Mission Board.

Elder Fountain offered a resolution as an amendment to the report on Missions, which was adopted and became a part of the report. [a.]

The part of the report relating to indigent ministers was considered separately, and the discussion was interrupted by the brethren and sisters bringing and sending their contributions to the Clerk's table. Amount contributed $19.15.

Elder Fortune offered two resolutions, which were adopted, and became a part of the report. [b.] The committe required by the resolutions was composed of J. M. Fortune, R. M. Burt, and C. P. Fountain, and was instructed to report on Monday morning.

The Treasurer being absent, H. W. Hardy was elected Treasurer, *pro tem.*

The Finance and Auditing Committees made their reports, and were discharged.

The report on Missions still pending, the Association adjourned till 9 o'clock Monday morning.

Prayer by Elder Fountain.

SUNDAY.

Eld. Bailey addressed the children of the Sabbath School. Eld. Fountain preached the Missionary Sermon from Matt. xxviii: 19,20. A collection was taken for Missions amounting to $46.75.

Eld. Bailey preached at 2 P. M. Text, Acts xx.: 35, latter clause.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. Forrester.

The committee appointed on Saturday to make an apportionment among the churches of the amount asked for by the State Mission Board, made their report, which was adopted, and forms the conclusion of the report on Missions.

The report on Missions was then adopted as a whole.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

STATE MISSION WORK.

During the conventional year ending in July, the State Mission Board had in the field 48 men for the whole or a part of the time. These missionaries preached in 30 towns and 115 places in the country, extending over 42 counties. The amount of work done by them is very gratifying. Facts and statistics of the year's work are indeed inspiring. But much yet remains to be done. The present annual income of the Board is inadequate to meet the calls upon it for missionary labor. New towns are rising up along our new and old lines of railroad, to which missionaries *must* be sent. Vast fields of our country are still destitute of Baptist preaching. Our forces can not be withdrawn from a single point we are now occupying. Hence to send the Gospel to these towns and destitute country places, the income must be enlarged. The Board calls for not less than $12,000 from the churches of the State for this work this year.

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

There are very encouraging reports from this department of our work. Fifteen men were engaged during the conventional year in this work, in connection with the preaching of the Gospel, their labors extending over 40 counties. They sold 7,950 books and pamphlets, valued at $2,910.42. They gave away to poor families 685 Bibles and Testaments, valued at $68.18. During the year 15 permanent funds of $100 each were raised in cash and pledges by Sunday Schools, churches and associations. These funds are not spent, but used as a capital with which to keep our colporters well supplied with books. We hope the David Lee Colportage Fund will be completed before this body adjourns.

INDIGENT MINISTERS.

The work of raising funds for this object has been entrusted to the State Mission Board, and this is now one of the general objects of benevolence. They ask for not less than $1,000. We ought not to allow those who have worn themselves out in the service of the Lord to suffer for the necessaries of life in their declining years.

HOME MISSION WORK.

Under the blessings of God, the Home Mission Board, in its new location, has prospered. The receipts during the Southern Baptist Conventional year ending in May were $45,000. Of this amount Alabama gave only $2,400; our Association probably only about $175. The Board has 95 laborers in its employ, working in destitute places in many of the States and Territories. The results of the work of these faithful men are encouraging. The Board desires to increase its working force among the 100,000 Chinese in California. It has already extended its work among the wild tribes in the Indian Territory. It is addressing itself with becoming earnestness to meet the appalling destitution in Florida, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas. It has made arrangements looking to the total cancellation of the debt of the Coliseum Place Church in New Orleans.

The building of the First Church, on which a mortgage rested, has been purchased by the Board, and a lot secured in another part of the city on which to build another Baptist house of worship in the "Rome of the South." The vigorous efforts being put forth by the Home Board commend it to the liberalities of Alabama Baptists. We are asked to raise $5,000 in the State. The Alabama Association must do its part.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The last annual report from this department gives us cheering news. The Foreign Board received $56,000, of which Alabama gave only $2,500. We have missionaries in Mexico, Brazil, Africa, Italy and China. The Board asks Alabama for $5,000 this year. The churches ought to raise this amount, and as an Association we should do our full share of the work. Earnestly did our fathers pray, "Lord, give us open doors to preach thy Word," and now that their prayers have been answered, have we, their children, grace to enter these open doors and do our full duty to the heathen world? Seven new laborers were sent this year into the field, and yet every missionary is calling for reinforcements. Men and women with hearts of love for Christ and for souls are willing to go, and the Board is willing to send them just as soon as the churches furnish the means. Alabama Baptists are doing entirely too little for the heathen world. *We must do better.* We need the conviction burned into our hearts that the heathen are lost without the Gospel, and that it is our duty as Christians to send it to them.

The State Mission Board asks from the Alabama Association $800 for these various objects. We recommend that the churches undertake to raise an amount each that will average at least 75 cents per member.

[a] *Resolved*, That this Association request the churches throughout its bounds to give five dollars each to the Church Building Fund of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

[b] *Resolved*, That we endorse the State Mission Board and its work, and that we will endeavor to raise the amounts asked from us by the Board for the various objects designated, and that a committee of three, one from each district of the Association, be appointed to pro rate the amount among the churches; said committee to report at the present session of the Association.

Resolved, That the churches withdrawing from the Association be requested to contribute the sums asked of them through the Association with which they may unite.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

We, the Committee appointed to pro rate among the churches the amount asked from this Association by the State Mission Board suggest that the churches be asked to endeavor to raise the following sums:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Town Creek	$ 80 00	Shiloh	40 00
Bethany	45 00	Ruhamah	15 00
Sister Springs	10 00		
Pleasant Hill	75 00	Total	$265 00

SECOND DISTRICT.

Hopewell	$110 00	New Bethel	30 00
Ash Creek	10 00	Benton	25 00
Hayneville	25 00	New Smyrna	25 00
Bethel	85 00	Mountain Hill	5 00
Good Hope	5 00		
Mt. Gilead	50 00	Total	$370 00

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Greenville	$125 00	New Ebenezer	10 00
Philadelphia	5 00	Union	20 00
Antioch	15 00		
Hickory Grove	50 00	Total	$260 00
Damascus	25 00		
Macedonia	10 00	Grand total	$895 00

J. M. FORTUNE, Chm'n.

Eld. McQueen made the report on the State of Religion in the churches. The report was amended and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

Your Committee beg leave to report, that there have been eighteen letters sent up by the churches, which are quite meagre, except as to statistics. Seven of these churches report a state of prosperity; ten report a decline; nine report Sabbath Schools; six report prayer meetings. Number baptized, 44; increase, 46; decrease, 36; actual increase, 10.

We would recommend to the churches that they go back to the old custom of sending letters to the Association, giving full statements of the Lord's dealing with them, and of their spiritual condition, and thereby promote more interest the one in the other.

G. W. MCQUEEN, Chm'n.

Eld. Bishop presented the report on Documents. Eld. Fountain offered a preamble and resolution as an amendment to the report. Remarks were made by Elders Forrester, Fortune, McQueen and Burt, and the amendment was adopted. The report was then adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

We ask leave to report that there is but little in the letters demanding the attention of your Committee. Shiloh, Mt. Gilead, Bethany, Pleasant Hill, Town Creek, Benton, Ruhamah, Sister Springs, and Greenville churches ask letters of dismission from this body to unite with a new Association to be formed more convenient to them. Spring Creek church, ten miles east of Fort Deposit, asks your body to meet with her next year. We notice that Bethel church has licensed Bro. R. M. Burt, and that New Smyrna has licensed Bro. M. Pruitt to preach the Gospel.

WHEREAS, The letter from the Hickory Grove church to this session of the Association was inappropriate to the time and occasion and unbecoming the spirit of a church of Christ, and evidently intended to reflect upon the dignity of this body and the enterprises of the denomination; therefore,

Resolved, That this Association emphatically disapprove of the spirit and phraseology of the letter sent up by the Hickory Grove church.

The Clerk was instructed to write letters of dismission for the churches requesting them.

Additional contributions were placed in the hands of the Clerk as follows: For Missions, 50 cents; Foreign Missions, 15 cents; Indigent Ministers, 50 cents; Ministerial Education, 50 cents; for a widow lady mentioned by Bro. Bailey, 25 cents. Total, $1.90.

Attention was called to the insufficiency of the funds sent up for printing and distributing minutes.

On motion, it was decided to make additional contributions in cash and pledges now, and that the delegates will collect more money when they return to their churches and forward the same to the Clerk. And that the Clerk be allowed $25 for his services and expenses, provided the funds on hand and to be collected will justify it. The following additions were made to the minute fund: *Cash*—Hopewell, $1.00; Mt. Gilead, $2.00; Shiloh, $1.25; Town Creek, $1.25; Macedonia, 25 cents; Damascus, 50 cents; Steep Creek, $1.00; Hickory Grove, 50 cents; Pleasant Hill, $1.00; Bethany, 50 cents; total, $9.25. *Pledges*—New Smyrna and Spring Creek, $2.00; Greenville, $2.00: Bethel $2.00. Total $6.00.

Bro. R. M. Burt offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the churches of this Association be urged to send more money for printing minutes, as the amount sent up will not pay the expenses of supplying the churches.

Bro. D. B. Edwards invited the brethren of the Alabama Association to attend the first meeting of the new Association which is to be organized at Shiloh church, Dallas county, on Tuesday before the first Sunday in November.

Elder Fountain offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be returned to the Town Creek church and community for their abundant hospitality in entertaining the body.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported the following appointments for next year:

To preach the Introductory Sermon—W. C. Avant.
To preach the Missionary Sermon—D. Lee.

Elder Baber, on behalf of the churches withdrawing from the Association, made parting remarks.

The Moderator also indulged in touching reminiscences suggested by the occasion.

The hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung, and the parting hand extended.

The Moderator then led in prayer, after which "Sweet Bye and Bye" was sung; and then, in accordance with the report of the delegates from the Second District, the Association adjourned to meet with Bethel church, Fort Deposit, on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1884.

D. Lee, Moderator,
Mt. Willing, Lowndes County.

E. F. Baber, Clerk,
Collirene, Lowndes County.

(The Treasurer of the Association being unable to attend, transmitted his report to the Clerk after the adjournment of the body.)

H. W. CAFFEY, Treasurer,

In Account with Alabama Baptist Association.

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To amount of minute fund from churches	$ 52 05		
" " Home Mission fund from churches	46 10		
" " Foreign Mission fund from churches	26 40		
" " State Mission fund from churches	141 30		
" " Ministerial fund from churches	35 00		
" " Indigent Ministers' fund from churches	2 00		
" " So. Bap. Theol. Sem. fund from churches	5 00		
" " Endowment Howard Col. fund from churches	10 00		
" " Foreign Missions, Sabbath collection	22 05		
" " New Orleans Mission	11 15		
" " D. Lee permanent Colportage fund	58 00		$409 05

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By amount paid E. F. Baber, minute fund, vr. 1	$ 52 05		
" " " T. M. Bailey's rec't, Home Missions, vr. 2	46 10		
" " " T. M. Bailey's rec't, Foreign Missions, vr. 3	26 40		
" " " T. M. Bailey's rec't, State Missions, vr. 4	141 30		
" " " T. M. Bailey, Minist. Educa., vr. 5	35 00		
" " " T. M. Bailey, Indigent Ministers, vr. 6	2 00		
" " " T. M. Bailey, So. Bap. Theol. Sem., vr. 7	5 00		
" " " T. M. Bailey, Endow't Howard Col., vr. 8	10 00		
" " " T. M. Bailey for missions, Sab. col., vr. 9	22 05		
" " " T. M. Bailey for New Orleans mis., vr. 10	11 15		
" " " T. M. Bailey for D. Lee Colp. fund, vr. 11	58 00		$409 05

FINANCE REPORT.

1. Town Creek—

Minutes	$ 1 75	Endowm'nt Howard College, vr	6 00
Home Missions, vr	21 00	Miss Lula Whilden, vr	5 00
Foreign " vr	14 50	State Missions, vr	4 00
Ministerial Education, csh	3 50		
Indigent Ministers, vr	5 25	Total csh	$ 5 25
D. Lee Col. Fund, vr	5 00	Total vr	67 35
Building Fund, vr	6 60		
L. M. S.—Home Missions, vr.	$ 8 00	F. M. Journal, vr	3 00
For'n Miss'ns, vr	17 20	State Missions, vr	7 75
Ind. Ministers, vr	10 50		
Building Fund, vr	7 50	Total vr	$53 95

2. Bethany—

Minutes	$ 1 50	State Missions, csh	4 50
Ministerial Education, csh	10 00	" " vr	8 85
Indigent Ministers, vr	1 50		
Building Fund, vr	5 00	Total csh	$16 00
L. M. S.—State Missions, vr.	$15 00	Total vr	15 35

3. Sister Springs—

Minutes	$ 1 00	State Missions, vr	2 55
State Missions, csh	2 55		
		Total csh	$ 3 55
		Total vr	2 55

4. Pleasant Hill—
Minutes.....$ 1 00
Home Missions, csh..... 3 50
Foreign Missions, csh..... 4 75
Ministerial Education, csh..... 4 50
State Missions, csh..... 7 25
Total csh.....$21 00

5. Shiloh—
Minutes.....$ 1 50
Home Missions, vr..... 2 00
Ministerial Education, csh..... 2 00
Ministerial Education, vr..... 10 00
L. M. S.—Min. Educa'n, vr...$ 2 55
Building Fund, vr..... 9 00
State Missions, csh..... 11 00
Total csh.....$14 50
Total vr..... 19 00

6. Ruhamah—
Minutes.....$ 80
State Missions, vr..... 2 60

7. New Bethel—
Minutes.....$ 1 00
Ministerial Education, csh.... 1 60
State Missions, csh..... 1 60
Total csh.....$ 4 20

8. Benton—
Ministerial Education, csh....$ 2 85
State Missions, vr..... 11 25

9. Steep Creek—
Minutes.....$ 2 15
Home Missions, csh..... 2 00
Foreign Missions, csh..... 2 00
State Missions, csh..... 7 00
Total csh.....$13 15

10. Bethel—
Minutes.....$ 3 40
Foreign Missions, csh..... 1 25
Total csh.....$ 4 65

11. Mt. Gilead—
Minutes.....$ 1 00
Home Missions, vr..... 3 00
Ministerial Education, csh..... 25
Building Fund, vr..... 5 00
State Missions, csh..... 7 05
" " vr..... 10 40
Total csh.....$ 8 30
Total vr..... 18 40

12. Hopewell—
Minutes.....$ 2 50
Ministerial Education, csh. ... 10 00
State Missions, vr..... 17 00
Total csh.....$12 50
Total vr.....17 00

13. New Smyrna—
Minutes.....$ 2 00
Foreign Missions, vr..... 5 00

14. Mountain Hill—
Minutes.....$ 1 00

15. Union—
Minutes.....$ 2 10
Foreign Missions, csh..... 2 50
Total csh.....$ 4 60

16. Greenville—
Home Missions, csh.....$21 00
" " vr..... 6 00
Foreign Missions, vr..... 10 00
Building Fund, csh..... 11 00
State Missions, csh..... 13 00
Total csh.....$32 00
Total vr..... 29 00

17. Antioch— Minutes.....$ 1 50

18. Hickory Grove—
Minutes.....$ 1 00 Ministerial Education, csh..... 44 00

19. Macedonia— Minutes.....$1 25

20. Spring Creek— Minutes.....$ 2 00

Collection for Indigent Min's..$19 15 Sabbath Collection for Miss'ns..$46 75

RECAPITULATION.

Minutes, cash.....$28 45—$ 28 45

Home Missions, cash.....$26 50
" " vr..... 40 00—$ 66 50

Foreign Missions, cash.....$10 00
" " vr..... 46 70—$ 56 70

Ministerial Education, cash.....$78 70
" " vr..... 12 55—$ 91 25

Indigent Ministers, vr.....$17 25
" " csh..... 19 15—$ 36 40

David Lee Colportage Fund, vr.....$ 5 00—$ 5 00

Building Fund, csh.....$11 00
" " vr.....$33 10—$ 43 10

Endowment H. C., vr.....$ 6 00—$ 6 00

Miss Lula Whilden, vr.....$ 5 00—$ 5 00

F. M. Journal, vr.....$ 3 00—$ 3 00

State Missions, cash.....$53 95
" " vr..... 79 40—$133 35

The Auditing Committee have examined the above report and find it correct.

R. M. Burt,
H. W. Hardy, } Com.
J. F. Freeman,

TABULAR STATEMENT.

	CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	Rec. by Baptism.	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Died.	Excluded.	Total Membership	Increase.	Decrease.	Sabbath School.	No. Teachers.	No. Pupils.	Prayer Meeting.	Ladies' Miss. Soc.	Sab. of Meeting.
1ST DIST.	Town Creek	J. M. Fortune	R. B. Hardy	Benton	L	..	1	..	3	..	2	57	..	4	W	7	25	W	1	4
	Bethany	E. F. Baber	W. R. Hardy	Pleasant Hill	D	..	..	..	3	..	..	20	..	3	W	3	26	..	1	2
	Sister Springs	E. F. Baber	W. L. Smoke	Benton	L	..	..	..	..	1	..	19	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	1–5
	Pleasant Hill	W. B. Crumpton	J. R. Crumpton	Pleasant Hill	D	..	..	..	2	..	1	52	..	3	W	..	25	..	1	4
	Shiloh	E. F. Baber	W. E. Clark	Selma	D	10	8	..	6	2	..	49	10	..	W	3	20	..	1	1
	Ruhamah	E. F. Baber	Ithiel Ingram	Farmersville	L	1	..	..	..	..	..	23	1	..	..	..	....	..	..	4
2D DISTRICT.	Hopewell		G. W. Coker	Mt. Willing	L	8	5	..	2	1	1	109	9	..	..	..	....	..	..	1–3
	Hayneville*		J. P. Streety	Hayneville	L	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	2
	Steep Creek	G. W. McQueen	J. W. Thomas	Morgansville	L	2	2	..	5	1	..	77	..	2	..	..	....	..	..	1–2–4
	Bethel	F. C. Plaister	J. E. Bishop	Fort Deposit	L	2	8	2	4	..	..	179	8	..	W	9	125	W	1	1–3–4
	Mt. Gilead	E. F. Baber	R. C. Rives	Benton	L	..	..	..	3	2	2	15	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	3
	New Bethel	L. G. Skipper	G. R. Stamps	Bragg's	L	3	1	..	7	2	2	37	..	7	..	..	....	..	..	2
	Benton	E. F. Baber	J. C. Hill	Benton	L	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	W	..	....	..	..	3
	New Smyrna	M. Bishop	J. H. Porterfield	Fort Deposit	L	7	4	1	2	1	1	43	11	..	W	3	25	W	..	4
	Mountain Hill	A. F. Goldsmith	J. Jones	Argus	M	3	..	..	1	1	1	17	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	4
3d D	Union	G. E. Mize	J. W. Holloway	Honoraville	C	3	..	..	5	4	..	80	..	6	..	..	....	..	..	4
4TH DISTRICT.	Greenville	C. P. Fountain	G. T. Burke	Greenville	B	..	12	.	7	1	..	150	4	..	W	12	90	W	2	E. S.
	Philadelphia*				M	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	.....
	Antioch	W. C. Avant	J. P. Gafford	Greenville	B	..	4	..	7	1	4	59	..	8	W	..	....	..	..	1
	Damascus	W. C. Avant	S. F. Andress	Greenville	..	..	2	1	5	2	..	102	..	5	..	..	....	..	..	3
	Hickory Grove	G. W. McQueen	Asa Dean	Litohatchie	L	1	..	..	..	..	..	28	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	3
	Macedonia	B. A. Jackson	F. E. May	Fort Deposit	L	..	4	..	.	1	2	32	1	..	..	..	....	..	..	.....
	New Ebenezer*	A. F. Goldsmith	J. H. Cook	Argus	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	48	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	2
	Spring Creek	M. Bishop	A. J. McDaniel	Best	C	5	8	..	..	..	..	35	13	..	W	8	35	..	..	3
						45	57	4	57	18	16	1300	57	33		45	371		7	

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Appoint Committee on Credentials.
3. Recess.
4. Organization.
5. Admission of New Churches.
6. Correspondence.
7. Appoint Committees.
8. Report of Executive Board.
9. Report of Committees.
10. Treasurer's Report.
11. Appoint time and place of meeting.
12. Miscellaneous.

LIST OF ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS IN THE ALABAMA ASSOCIATION.

LICENTIATES IN ITALICS.

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	NAME.	POST OFFICE.
David Lee.....	Mt. Willing....	E. F. Baber*.....	Collirene.....
L. G. Skipper.....	Louisville, Ky...	G. W. McQueen...	Hayneville.....
Matthew Bishop...	Fort Deposit. ...	*T. Williams*.....	Greenville.....
A. F. Goldsmith...	Fort Deposit.....	C. P. Fountain*...	Greenville.....
F. C. Plaister.....	Fort Deposit.....	*P. H. Joiner*.....	Greenville.....
M. Pruitt.....	Fort Deposit.....	W. C. Avant.....	Honoraville.....
R. M. Burt.....	Fort Deposit.....	T. E. Morgan.....	Honoraville.....
J. M. Fortune*....	Pleasant Hill....	J. T. Davidson....	Honoraville.....
J. M. Smoke*.....	Benton.	*T. E. Williams*..	Pleasant Hill....

*The churches to which these ministers belong withdrew at the recent session of the Association for the purpose (with one exception) of uniting in the organization of a new Association.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR.

On Missions—C. P. Fountain, J E Bishop, J. H. Kolb.

On Sabbath Schools—D. P. Goodhue, Jos. Strickland, W. P. McQueen.

On Education—H. W. Caffey, A. F. Goldsmith, H. T. Roach.

To Preach the Introductory Sermon—W. C. Avant.

To Preach the Missionery Sermon—D. Lee.